Celebrations, activities, resources and programs offered by Watanaseree in Chiang Rai!

The activity, run by a speaker from ECPAT International and the youth leadership group, taught about how to be safe online.

45% of surveyed students attending activities at Watanaseree said that their parents do not set any rules about what they do online.

There is significant evidence that trafficking and exploitation is increasingly moving online.

Trainings like this provide essential knowledge and tools to young people to help them protect themselves.
Activities

65 parents and students attended a movie night, building healthy relationships and watching a short film about trafficking.

Movie nights are a great way to encourage families to spend time together, and a useful opportunity to teach and talk about trafficking.

In June 81 students accessed the Pong Phrae Resource center, and in July 109 students accessed the Pong Phrae Resource center.

At the Chiang Rai City Center, weekly activities such as art, music, computers and hanging out with mentors are very popular.

27 students accessed the after school program at the Chiang Rai City Center.

15 students received math tutoring

21 students received English Language tutoring

16 students attended a hang out at the local University. High School and University students spent time together with their mentors.

This is especially encouraging for the younger students, who can learn from the experiences of their older peers' experiences.
The Activities team also organized activities at a local school for world Anti-Trafficking Day on July 30.

Students learned about trafficking prevention, human rights and healthy relationships.

The students then conducted a parade throughout the village of Pong Phrae- students were encouraged to dress any way they would like and were encouraged to express themselves.

Students and staff were divided into teams and played games against each other.

Activities like this help build strong relationships, which are essential for our work in Chiang Rai.

Watanaseree also ran a booth at Anti-Trafficking day at City Hall, reaching over 80 people.

65 students joined in for Anti-Human Trafficking day
Counseling helps students process their experiences.

Khae has also conducted weekly group counseling and family counseling.

7 students between ages 15-22 received individual counseling sessions.

38 students attended an art therapy activity with visiting volunteers from Healing Arts Peace Projects International.
In addition to organizing the Internet Safety workshop, the Prevention and Awareness team has kept busy with other activities.

Girls club continues to meet weekly.

They celebrated the end of the second book in the curriculum, which focused on peer pressure, enduring hardship and managing stress.

Many of the girls say they have used the knowledge that they learned in girls club in their real life.

This is particularly true for students who recently started at their new schools in Chiang Rai City, where they face all kinds of new challenges including new friends, managing their time and dealing with peer pressure.

The club will spend the next few months focusing on learning about puberty. This is an essential topic that helps students understand their bodies, take care of and protect themselves.
Working on the organic farm provides the opportunity to learn new skills as well as to earn supplementary income.

We continue to work with our local weavers, and have recently developed new products to sell in our Chiang Rai City Center shop, which is coming soon!

By partnering with local weavers, we provide stay at home parents and grandparents a chance to earn money while also looking after their children.
Human Rights

25 students attended a training on preventing human rights infringement.

Teaching children about their rights gives them the knowledge to be able defend themselves against exploitation.

Human Rights staff continues to follow up on citizenship applications for students who are stateless and provide legal advice to the community.

Scholarship and Mentorship

The Scholarship team has been busy helping students get ready for the new university school year.

The move to university can be a challenge for students who have never lived outside their home villages, are studying new topics and are far from their support networks.

Scholarship staff have also been helping students open bank accounts.

In addition to this, the Scholarship team has continued to conduct home visits.

Home visits provide an opportunity to build relationships, meet with parents and students together, advocate for the needs of the students and check in on how things are at home.

The Freedom Story’s staff serve as mentors that will give students stable adult relationships to engage with and rely on.